

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A paper feeder includes: a first paper feed cassette in which to store a recording medium with a lock state; a locking  
5 portion that determines whether to bring the lock state of the first paper feed cassette into the unlocked state or the locked state; a second paper feed cassette in which to store a recording medium, capable of selectively entering an unlocked state and a locked state; and a lock state transmitting portion that  
10 transmits the lock state of the first paper feed cassette to the second paper feed cassette to bring the second paper feed cassette into the unlocked state or the locked state in accordance with the lock state of the first paper feed cassette.